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**FRED RIESER HONORED  
WITH COMMUNITY SHELTER BOARD'S  
2022 BOB LAZARUS UNSUNG HERO AWARD**

(Columbus, OH) – Community Shelter Board honored Fred Reiser and Jordan’s Crossing Resource Center with its 2022 Bob Lazarus Unsung Hero Award. A family-powered effort, Jordan’s Crossing is a unique source of triage support for people facing homelessness – providing meals, clothing, access to health services, jobs, transportation, and more. They increased their feeding efforts significantly during the pandemic and have grown their programs in response to increased need. In a typical month, Jordan’s Crossing provides 20,000 hot meals, refers 37 people to detox and treatment programs, and serves 12,000 people through a choice pantry program.

A breakfast reception was held today at the Boathouse at Confluence Park, where a series of Community Shelter Board’s Founder Awards were presented by NBC4.

Community Shelter Board honors quiet and steadfast work in the trenches with its Unsung Hero Award. This annual award honors Robert Lazarus’ lifetime of humble and steady leadership. This award highlights the efforts of community members working directly with and for people facing homelessness.

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Fred Rieser, Renee Shumate of American Electric Power, and Michelle Heritage of Community Shelter Board



Trip Lazarus of the Lazarus family, Fred Rieser, and Donna Rieser

Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home. CSB is the collective impact organization driving strategy, accountability, collaboration, and resources to achieve the best outcomes for people facing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. With the support of a compassionate community, our system of care served 15,000 people last year with homelessness prevention, shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing.

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